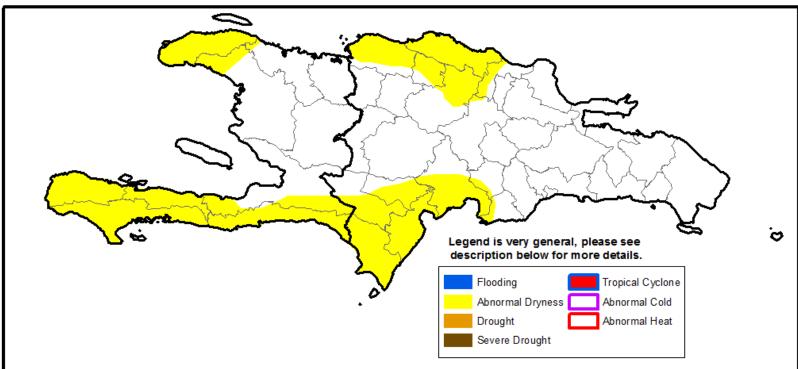


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook November 12 – November 18, 2015

Eastern Dominican Republic received heavy rainfall during the past week.



During the past week, heavy rain was observed over the eastern half of the Dominican Republic. Several provinces, including Santo Domingo and Distrito national, recorded over 150mm of rain according to satellite estimates. Moderate rains were recorded in Sud, Grande 'Anse, and Nippes Departments in southwestern Haiti. More poorly distributed rains were observed elsewhere on the island. Analysis of thirty-day rainfall anomalies indicates the presence of growing moisture surpluses across eastern Dominican Republic, now on the order of 100mm. Less extreme surpluses are present in areas of north-central Haiti. Deficits on the order of 100mm are observed along the southern peninsula of Haiti and into the Barahona and Pedernales provinces of the Dominican Republic. Uneven distribution of rainfall in both space and time over Hispaniola has resulted in negative impacts on soil moisture and consequently vegetation health across the island. Recent vegetation indices have indicated poor and degraded conditions over many local areas along the northern and southern coasts of Hispaniola and neutral conditions across the central portions of the island. During the upcoming outlook period, below-average average and poorly distributed rainfall is forecast over Hispaniola. Especially low rainfall totals are likely in north central provinces of the Dominican Republic.